

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A carriage is reciprocated in a width direction of a recording paper. A thermal head, a density sensor and an ink-ribbon cassette are attached to the carriage. While the carriage is moved forward, heat-transfer recording of one line is performed with the thermal head. While the carriage is moved backward after recording the line, the density sensor measures a density of each pixel of the line. The measured density is compared with a predicted density obtained from image data. When a difference between them exceeds a prescribed value, it is judged that a blur and uneven density occur on an image. At this time, the carriage is moved forward again to perform repair recording. When one of heating elements of the thermal head is detected as a broken element, recording is continued with the other normal heating elements.

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